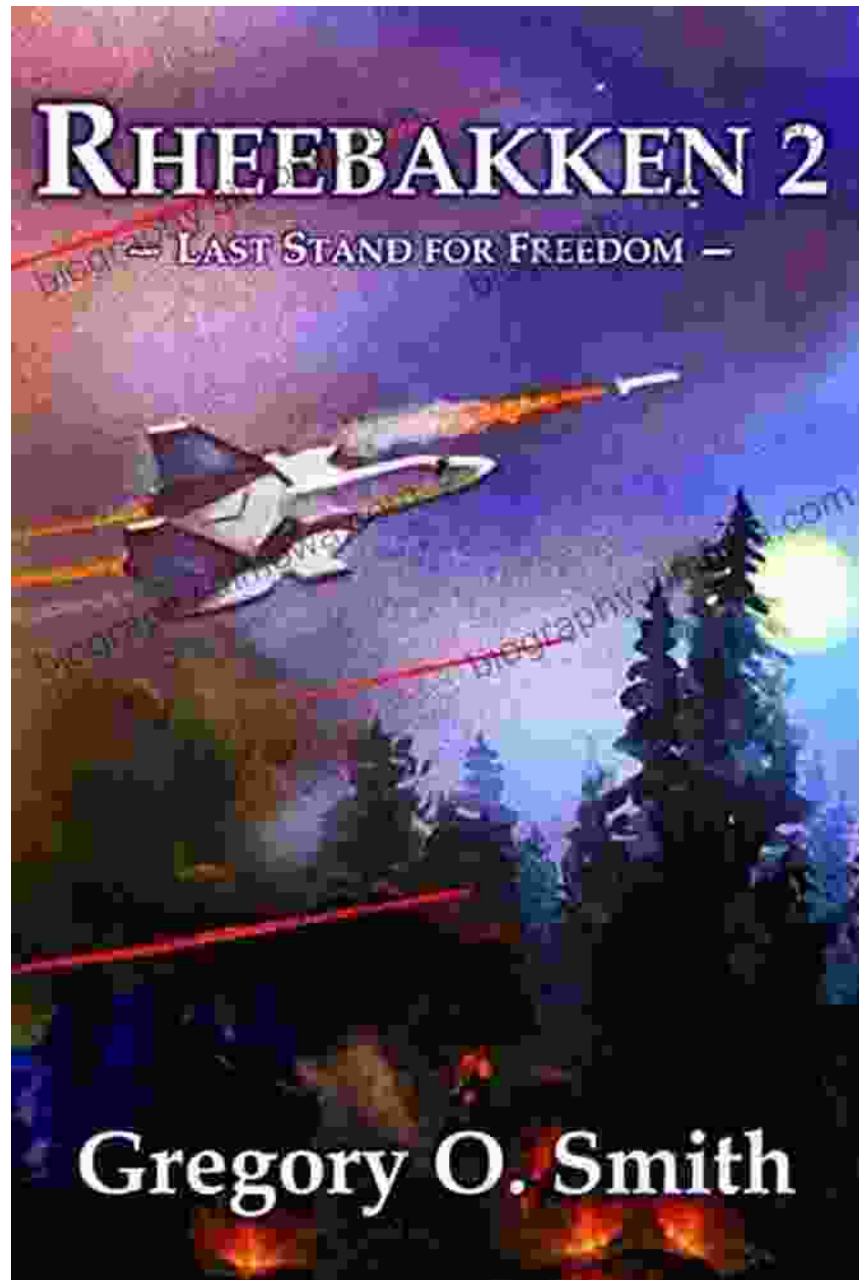
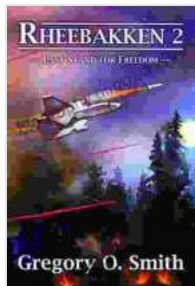


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In the annals of Canadian history, the story of Rheebacken internment camp stands as a haunting reminder of a dark chapter marked by prejudice and injustice. During World War I, the Canadian government unjustly detained thousands of Ukrainian Canadians, labeling them as enemy aliens and subjecting them to deplorable conditions in remote internment camps.



## Rheebacken 2: Last Stand for Freedom by Gregory O. Smith

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Rheebacken, established in 1915 near the village of Kenora, Ontario, became the largest of these camps, housing over 1,200 internees at its peak. The conditions within the camp were harsh and inhumane. Internees were forced to live in overcrowded barracks, endure inadequate sanitation, and suffer from malnutrition and disease.

Despite these hardships, the internees at Rheebacken demonstrated remarkable resilience and defiance. They organized a series of protests and hunger strikes, demanding better treatment and recognition of their basic human rights. These actions, coupled with the efforts of sympathetic Canadians and international organizations, eventually led to the closure of Rheebacken and the release of its internees in 1919.

The story of Rheebacken has been largely forgotten in Canadian history, but a new book by author Michael Marunchak is shedding light on this important chapter. "Rheebacken Last Stand for Freedom" is a comprehensive and meticulously researched account that brings to life the experiences of the internees and their struggle for justice.

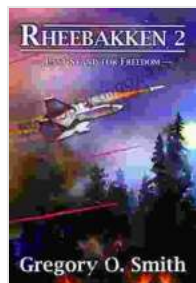
Through interviews with survivors, archival research, and historical analysis, Marunchak paints a vivid picture of life inside Rheebacken. He describes the daily routines, the hardships endured, and the resilience displayed by the internees. He also delves into the political and social context of the time, examining the anti-Ukrainian sentiment that fueled the internment policy.

Beyond the historical narrative, "Rheebacken Last Stand for Freedom" also highlights the legacy of the camp and its impact on the Ukrainian Canadian community. Marunchak explores the long-term consequences of the internment, including the loss of homes and property, the disruption of families, and the psychological trauma experienced by survivors.

The book also examines the efforts of former internees and their descendants to seek reparations and recognition of the injustices they suffered. Marunchak chronicles the legal battles, government inquiries, and public campaigns that have played a role in shaping the understanding of this dark chapter in Canadian history.

"Rheebacken Last Stand for Freedom" is an essential read for anyone interested in Canadian history, human rights, and the struggle for justice. It is a powerful reminder of the dangers of prejudice and discrimination, and a testament to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

The book is available now at major bookstores and online retailers. For more information, visit the author's website at [www.michaelmarunchak.com](http://www.michaelmarunchak.com).



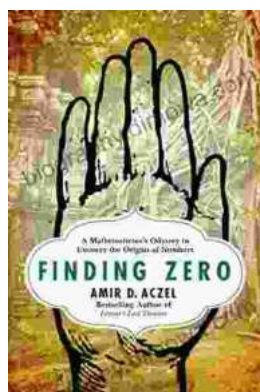
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